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Local musical bands Oreo and Youth Extreme will be there to entertain the public
Everyone is invited to join in the unveiling of Aruba's
new marketing image today

Last week, Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, joined Sjeidy Feliciano and Mario Arends of the Aruba Tourism Authority, ATA, in their offices to announce that a new Aruba marketing image will be unveiled during a festive event for all the community.

The gala launching is a co-operative effort between the ATA and the private sector.

Today, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the gala launching will take place. The festivity will be held on the plaza where Playa Linda Department Store was formally located,

in the heart of downtown Oranjestad. The event will be a festive street fair in ambiance, featuring food and refreshment booths, items for sale from local artisans, and music with popular island bands Youth Extreme and OREO.

During the press conference, it was hinted the new marketing image that will be promulgated around the world will be more focused on Aruba's native character, art and traditions, emphasizing the island's assets beyond the beach and tourist hotels.

Audrey Croes-Laclé an-



Sjeidy Feliciano, Minister Otmar Oduber and Audrey Croes-Laclé

nounced that MAMBO members are also participating by offering special prizes during a raffle drawing that will take place that evening. Beginning yesterday, participating shops in Oranjestad are rewarding patrons with a raffle ticket for every 25 Aruban florin spent;

20 prizes from MAMBO members will be awarded during the launch, plus two provided by the ATA.

ATA executives expressed they were extremely gratified with the enthusiasm with which Oranjestad vendors have cooperated in this joint

venture. They urge islanders to attend this exciting event and become part of the process of enhancing Aruba's tourism product; island visitors are welcome and encouraged to join in the celebration.

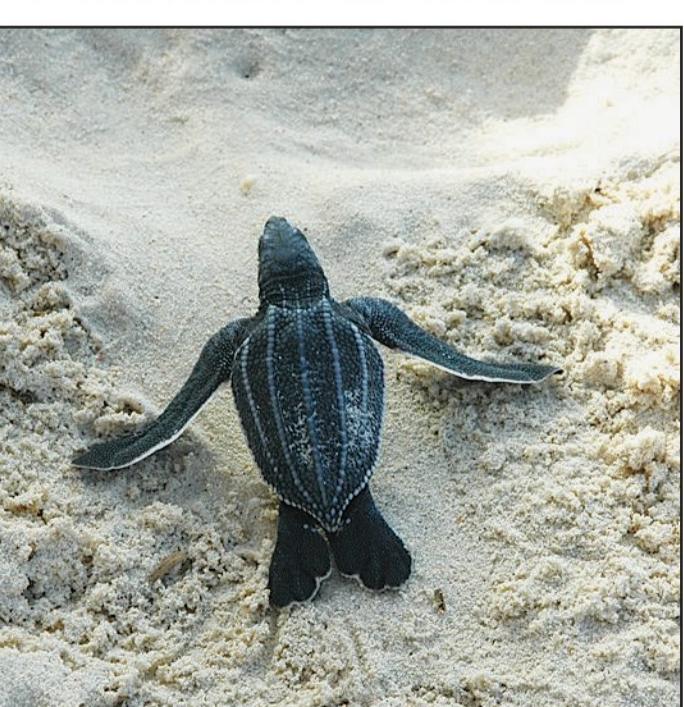
by Rosalie Klein

EU Commission says today's seal product ban stands

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - An EU ban on seal products will come into force today, the European Commission said after an Inuit group in Canada claimed a European court had suspended the ban.

Legal action to annul the regulation was launched earlier this year and includes the Canadian sealing industry as plaintiffs.

The ban was announced last year by the European Parliament after a public outcry over Canada's annual commercial seal hunt, which animal rights activists denounce as cruel. The ban would prevent the import of seal products into EU countries.



Today's picture and those published yesterday in THE MORNING NEWS were taken by photographer Diane Keijzer

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Last US combat brigade leaves Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AFP) - The last US combat brigade pulled out of Iraq at dawn yesterday, a key milestone in the withdrawal of American forces more than seven years after the US-led invasion that ousted dictator Saddam Hussein.

Under cover of darkness, the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, crossed into neighbouring Kuwait ahead of the planned declaration of an end to US combat operations in Iraq by an August 31 deadline.

The pullout came two days after a suicide bomber killed 59 people at a Baghdad army recruiting center in Iraq's deadliest attack this year, sparking concern the country's forces are incapable of handling security on their own.

Lieutenant Colonel Eric Bloom told AFP the last members of the brigade had entered Kuwait "at about 6:00 am this morning. They have a few more days to clean the equipment, prepare the equipment, get it ready for shipment and then they'll fly out to the United States."

It took two days for 360 ve-



A U.S. Army Stryker armored vehicle crosses the border from Iraq into Kuwait.

hicles and 1,200 soldiers to travel from Camp Liberty on Baghdad's outskirts and Camp Taji north of the capital, through the Shiite south and into the Gulf emirate, Bloom said. The rest of the 4,000-strong brigade left by air.

Kuwait, which hosts several American military camps in its northern desert close to the border, as well as a naval base, was used as the springboard for the 2003 invasion.

About 52,000 US soldiers remain in Iraq, with that figure set to drop to 50,000 by Sep-

tember 1, less than a third of the peak level during the 2007 "surge."

From next month the US mission in Iraq will be called "Operation New Dawn" instead of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" -- the name given to American operations since the invasion.

To fill the gap left by departing troops, the US State Department will more than double the number of security contractors it employs in Iraq to around 7,000, the New York Times reported.

Peruvian judges push for more scrutiny in Berenson ruling

LIMA, Peru (AFP) - Peruvian judges yesterday demanded extra legal scrutiny on the case of a US activist convicted of terrorism, Lori Berenson, ordered back to prison this week after her parole was revoked on a technicality.

"The court should declare whether freeing Berenson is a danger for society," one judge, Marcos Ibazeta, said.

"You can't just send a person back to prison because their domicile wasn't verified," said another magistrate.

The criticism came in the wake of a court's decision Wednesday to order Berenson back to prison three months after she was released on parole after serving 15 years of a

20-year sentence for terrorism. Berenson was jailed in 1995 for participating in a Peruvian guerrilla group, Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), which mounted a foiled plot to seize congress.

Although a huge public outcry surrounded her release, and prosecutors had appealed the basis of letting a "terrorist" out early, her parole was revoked on a technicality: because her domicile was not verified.

That reasoning has infuriated both relatives of Berenson, who wanted her freed, and many jurists and members of the public, who wanted her to be ineligible for early release because of the gravity of her crime.

WHO: Cholera surges in parts of the world

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) - Cholera is surging again in parts of the world, a World Health Organisation expert said yesterday, pointing to epidemics in Nigeria and Cameroon.

Claire-Lise Chaignat, the coordinator of the WHO's group on cholera, noted the UN health agency has recorded 2,849 cases in Cameroon, including 222 deaths since May. It has also recorded 837 cases of the disease in the north of Nigeria since mid-June, including 30 deaths.

"The fatality rates linked to cholera in these countries -- 3.6 percent in Nigeria and 7.8 percent in Cameroon -- are too high compared to the 1.0 percent threshold that is typically tolerated," she added.

Earlier yesterday, Nigerian Health Minister Onyebuchi Chukwu announced a higher toll, saying that fatal cases have risen to 231 while 4,600 others have been infected.

The WHO expert noted that "globally, cholera is growing across the world" with outbreaks also recorded in the Democratic Republic of Congo's Sud-Kivu province, as

Saint Lucia signs up to International Criminal Court

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Saint Lucia has ratified the founding statute of the International Criminal Court and will become its 113th member state on November 1, the tribunal announced yesterday.

"The ICC welcomes the Saint Lucia decision and sees it as a new sign of the international community's commitment to put an end to impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes," the court said.

The ICC, the world's only independent, permanent tribunal to try genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity,

started operating in The Hague in 2002. Its ranks do not include three permanent members of the UN Security Council: the United States, China and Russia.

The US under former president George W Bush refused to sign up to the Rome Statute for fear the court could target Americans out of political bias considering US dominance around the world.

There are cases in five countries before the court currently, involving conflicts in Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda.

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Ban on violent images unsettles Venezuela's press



CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) — A ban on publishing violent images in Venezuela's press drew condemnation yesterday by newspapers and media rights groups which saw it as a new attack by President Hugo Chavez on press freedom.

The order by a Caracas court came into effect Tuesday and is to last a month, prohibiting the publication of "violent, bloody or grotesque images."

The period coincides with the campaign prelude to September legislative elections.

Major Venezuelan newspapers slammed the measure, with the daily El Universal calling it "an attempt to censor the situation of insecurity."

The French-based media rights group Reporters Without Borders called the injunction "much too broad and imprecise" asking: "Would the photo of an armed policeman in the street, a soldier on maneuvers or a death notice be in breach of this order?"

It called it "a hasty ban that is liable to result in censorship and self-censorship."

The court issued the order after one newspaper, El Nacional, last Friday printed un-

usually graphic photos of corpses in a city morgue to underline a rise in deadly street crime that has made Caracas one of South America's most dangerous cities.

Chavez, whose government has not issued crime data for years, claimed his critics were using "pornographic" images like that to twist public debate on the problem with the aim of destabilizing his authority.

El Nacional complied with the injunction on Wednesday by leaving big blank spaces with the word "Censorship" printed inside instead of photos to accompany some stories.

Street violence is the top-line issue for voters ahead of the September 26 legislative elections.

Unofficial figures suggest there were more than 16,000 murders across Venezuela last year, making the country the most deadly in the region.

The court ban follows a series of initiatives Chavez has made recently to hem in opposition media outlets.

Licenses of anti-government television stations have been yanked and arrest warrants issued against the owners of one of the stations.

On Wednesday, Venezuela's congress approved a government bill blocking media moguls from holding shares in the country's banks.

The head of the congressional finances committee, Ricardo Sanguino, said the text would prevent a repeat of a government-ordered break up of one bank owned by a businessman who was also a principal stakeholder in Globovision, the fiercest anti-Chavez network.

Valero: Decision to restart Aruba refinery has not been made

NEW YORK CITY -- The turnaround taking place at Valero Energy Corp.'s refinery in Aruba won't be complete until mid-to-late October because of delays getting contractors in place, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The independent refinery previously estimated that the work would be completely in September but "because of delays in getting contractors to do specific maintenance work at the plant it's taken longer than we initially anticipated," said Valero spokesman Bill Day. He noted that

there has been travel difficulties in bringing people to Aruba.

After completing the work, Valero will evaluate whether to restart the 235,000-barrel-a-day refinery that was shut in July 2009 because of poor refining economics. "We did begin the turnaround with the intent to have the refinery ready to restart," Day said.

The estimated cost for the turnaround is \$50 million, which includes upgrades to the large crude and coking units

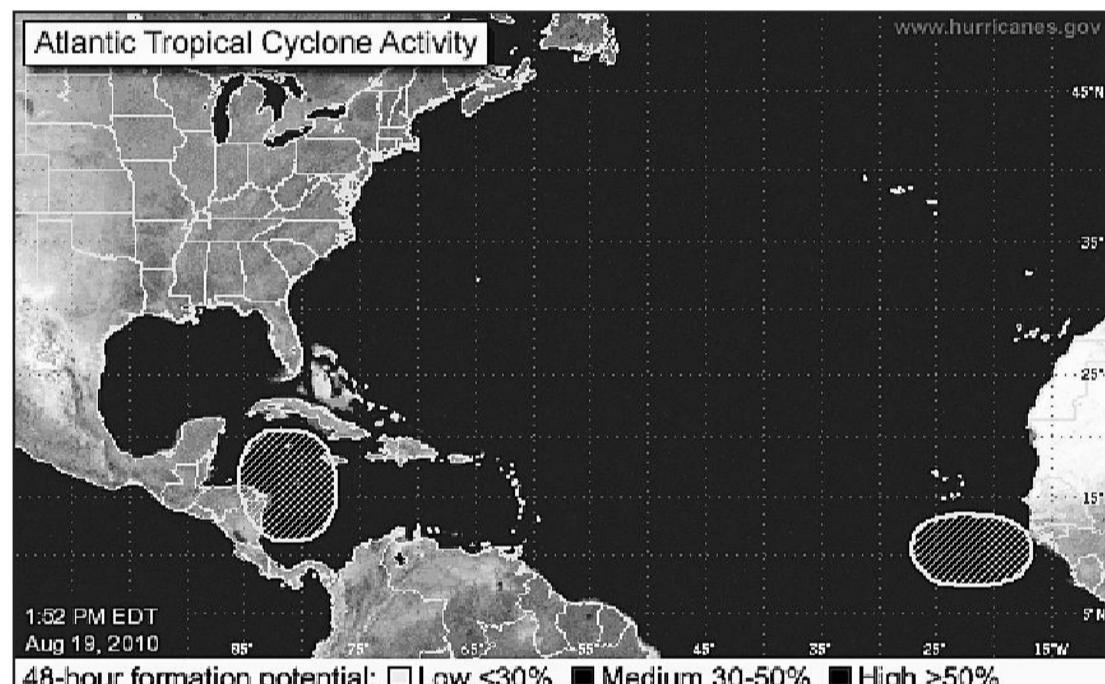
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Disturbance emerges near Africa



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According to the National Hurricane Center's tropical outlook late yesterday the disturbance extends from the coast of Africa to the Cape

Verde Islands and is moving west.

For now, forecasters give it a 20 percent chance of developing into a depression or storm over the next two days.

Where it will ultimately go: Far too early to say. Some of the early model guidance indicates it will turn north out to sea before it reaches the

Lesser Antilles, according to Jeff Masters, chief meteorologist of Weather Underground.

The next named storm will be Danielle.

The hurricane center also is monitoring a tropical wave in the western Caribbean, giving it a low chance of developing.

Natalee Holloway suspect may face death penalty

LIMA, Peru -- President Alan García of Peru has said he wants to reintroduce the death penalty in his country. If the president has his way, Dutch murder suspect Joran van der Sloot could face execution. Legal obstacles, however, make it unlikely that Peru brings back the death penalty anytime soon.

Mr García was referring to child molesters and killers, saying that "certain crimes must be

paid for with the criminal's life." The president argued that if Peru executed a hundred criminals a year, that would be proportionally the same as in China, "where 5,000 rapists, thieves and corrupt mayors were shot last year."

"I would gladly decapitate 50 child rapists," Mr García told reporters. A recent poll showed that 80 percent of Peruvians favoured a return of the death penalty.

Joran van der Sloot is in detention in the Miguel Castro prison in Lima, on suspicion of killing 21-year-old Stephany Flores in a hotel room in Lima. He had met the Peruvian woman at a poker tournament. The Dutchman is also held accountable for the disappearance of US teenager Natalee Holloway on the island of Aruba in 2005, although he has never been formally charged. Van der Sloot is 22.

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New buzz word 'vuvuzela' earns a place in English dictionary



LONDON (AFP) – Vuvuzelas, the plastic horns that provided the soundtrack for the World Cup in South Africa, have blared their way into a dictionary containing the latest in the English language, published yesterday.

The deafening trumpets are one new entry in the latest edition of the Oxford Dictionary of English, which is based on how language is really used.

Their monotone drone could be heard throughout matches during the tournament, and came in for criticism from both players and spectators.

The new accolade for the horns, whose buzzing has been compared to a hornets' nest,

came after "vuvuzela" was voted the word of the World Cup in a survey of global linguists last month.

It was chosen by 75 percent of more than 320 linguists from over 60 countries, who were asked to choose the word with the biggest impact on the tournament.

Vuvuzela was just one of more than 2,000 new entries in the third edition of the dictionary, which was first published in 1998.

The battle to deal with climate change provided carbon capture and storage, the process of trapping and storing carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuels.



The tempo of life in Aruba was different back then. Most definitely not Jamaica-style which is famously known for two tempos: slow and stop. It was not that work didn't get done or household chores not accomplished; it just was a more gentle time.

Stores and businesses were open from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. People went home, had a meal and a nap before going back to work. More relaxed and well-fed, the pleasurable attitudes continued. Dashing about and running around wasn't necessary.

The other passenger said

turned to his seat. Sometime later, he turned and said that he thought living in Aruba was not for him. Before disembarking, his wife said thank you very much. She had been worried that he really wanted to move to Aruba but knew the tempo would be too frustrating for him. It was no coincidence she believed that they were seated in front of the two people who could talk honestly about life in Aruba.

Tourists from the U.S. and Europe had (and still do) difficulty adjusting to the tempo of Aruba. Take a deep breath and let it happen was the advice of the day. Demanding faster service in a restaurant was not acceptable. Where are you going in such a hurry? Fussing when a store closed at noon didn't keep the store open. Insisting that a front desk clerk give a weather report for the day was not a good way to make friends. What you see is what you get. Those who did adjust have been coming back for generations now proving that the Aruban way is the better way.

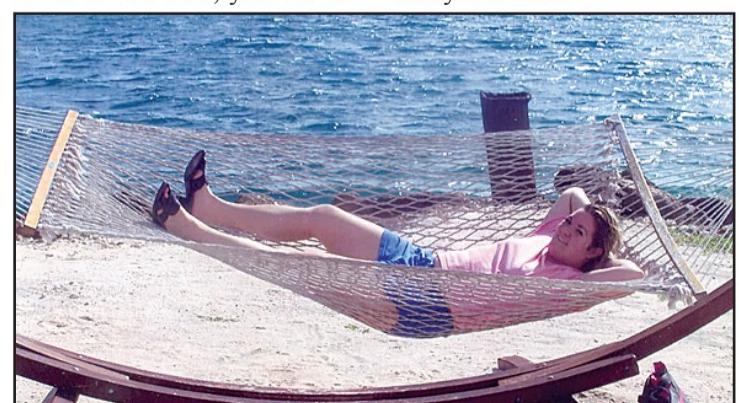
Back in mid-1980's, the now multi-multi awarding winning writer, "among the top echelon of American private-eye specialists" (The New York Times Book Review) Loren Estleman would casually drop the name Aruba in his books. A favorite line is, when asking a client about her trip to Aruba, her answer was, "Too many beaches..



As a result, people were healthier, too. The scientific world now realizes the multi-tasking causes brain damage. The Aruban way is still the better way.

A classic story that continues to be repeated happened on board a flight to the U.S. from Aruba. The gentleman who had recently built the very first house in Malmok, now being invaded by a new hotel, was seated next to a local resident. They were discussing how living in Aruba was truly paradise: the incredible weather, the refreshing tropical breezes, the clear clean sea, and, of course, the in-born grand hospitality of the Aruban people.

The gentleman seated in



Egg recall expanded in salmonella outbreak

WASHINGTON — A nationwide recall of eggs linked to an outbreak of salmonella that has sickened hundreds of people in three U.S. states has been expanded and now covers 380 million eggs.

The eggs all came from a farm in Iowa linked to salmonella cases in California, Colorado and Minnesota over the last three months, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said.

Affected by the recall are eggs packaged under brand names Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillendale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms and Kemps.

Wright County Egg, of Galt, Iowa, expanded a nationwide recall to 380 million eggs on Wednesday from the initial recall of 228 million, the Egg Safety Center said.

Salmonella outbreaks nationwide have increased four-fold since May, sparking an investigation of the foodborne illness in 13 states, said the FDA. No deaths have been reported.

The number of salmonella cases reported each week, normally around 50, zoomed to 200 a week since May, the

FDA said. Preliminary investigations pointed to eggs from Wright County Egg as a potential source. Some 266 cases of salmonella in California have been linked to the eggs, Los Angeles County officials said on Tuesday.

"There have been confirmed Salmonella enteritidis illnesses relating to the shell eggs and traceback investigations are ongoing," Wright County Egg said in a statement.

The FDA said it was conducting an extensive investigation at the Iowa company, including sampling, a review of records and a search for potential sources of contamination, such as feed.

The egg producer said it was cooperating fully in the investigation and was diverting its eggs to a breaker for pasteurization to kill any harmful bacteria.

Salmonella can cause fever, diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain and even more serious illness or death.

The eggs are in cartons of six, 12 or 18 eggs and come from plants identified as P-1026, P-1413 or P-1946 and followed by a number from 136 to 225. The figures are stamped on the end of the carton.

Dutch Muslim group fined over Holocaust cartoon

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands — A Dutch Muslim group was fined 2,500 euros (\$3,200) for publishing a cartoon which suggested the Holocaust was made up or exaggerated by Jews, a Dutch appeals court ruled yesterday.

The court in the western city of Arnhem overruled an acquittal handed down by a Dutch lower court, saying the cartoon, published on the website of the Arab European League's (AEL) in 2006, was "unnecessarily hurtful."

The court points out that the European Court of Human Rights, which considers freedom of speech of paramount importance and defends it thoroughly, makes no exception for the denial or trivialization

of the Holocaust. The court also imposed a 2-year probation period on the AEL.

The cartoon shows two men in Auschwitz looking at several dead bodies. "I don't think they are Jews," says one man. The one man replies: "We have to get to the 6,000,000 (figure) somehow". Six million Jews were killed during the Holocaust.

The Dutch group says it had no intention of disputing the Holocaust, but wanted instead to highlight what it described as double standards in free speech.

The AEL circulated it in 2006 after a Danish newspaper published a cartoon of the Prophet Mohammad which triggered an outcry among Muslims in many countries.



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US teen hopeful for peace after N.Korea visit

BEIJING, China (AFP) — A US teenager who spent a week in North Korea to promote an idea for a peace forest on the tense Korean border said yesterday his trip had given him "hope" for the future of the peninsula.

Jonathan Lee, a 13-year-old ethnic Korean, said he felt safe and had been treated well during his visit to one of the most secretive states in the world.

Lee said that he headed to Pyongyang with a letter for North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il, proposing the creation of a "children's peace forest" in the demilitarised zone (DMZ) dividing North and South.

The trip comes amid high cross-border tensions, which grew after South Korea and the United States accused the North in May of torpedoing one of Seoul's warships with the loss of 46 lives.

"My letter suggesting this



Jonathan Lee speaks to journalists after returning from a week in North Korea

layover with his parents before flying to Seoul.

"I went to several places but the place that made the biggest impression on me was the DMZ," said Lee, who hails from the southern US state of Mississippi.

"While at the DMZ, I spoke of my hope of having a children's peace forest. My suggestion for the motto is 'Above politics, above conflicts, above borders, above ideology'."

Lee has sent letters to South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak, US President Barack Obama and China's President Hu Jintao, explaining his idea for the peace forest of fruit and chestnut trees on the world's last Cold War frontier.

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CATS & DOGS (2010) (MATINEE) - In the age-old battle between cats and dogs, one crazed feline has taken things a paw too far. **KITTY GALORE**, formerly an agent for cat spy organization **MEOWS**, has gone rogue and hatched a diabolical plan to not only bring her canine enemies to heel, but take down her former kitty comrades and make the world her scratching post. Faced with this unprecedented threat, cats and dogs will be forced to join forces for the first time in history in an unlikely alliance to save themselves - and their humans.

Science/Tech

Finland aims to build first ever green highway



HELSINKI (AFP) – Finland wants to build the world's first "green highway," with service stations offering charging points for electric cars and pumps filled with local biofuels, the project manager said Thursday.

"The aim is to create the model for an ecological highway that could be used even on an international level," said Aki Marjasvaara with the Loviisa municipality spearheading the project.

"No other such project exists. This would set an example to the world," he told AFP.

The project concerns the remaining eastern 130-kilometre (81-mile) stretch yet to be built on a highway linking Turku on Finland's southwestern coast with Vaalimaa near the Russian border.

The town of Loviisa, located east of Helsinki and near the beginning of where the last leg of the highway will be built, proposed making the final stretch of road "green" and has taken charge of the project.

The plan involves using waste and other resources from the region that the new road will pass through to produce ethanol, other biofuels and electricity to keep the most environmentally-friendly cars on the green highway running.

Pumps with fossil fuels will also be available for "normal" cars.

Other proposals include installing geothermal heat pumps and providing information to users on their emission levels and the impact they are having on the envi-

ronment.

The project also aims to provide "smart" lighting for the new highway.

Systems would automatically switch off lights at entry points where there are no cars and adjust lighting levels along the motorway to compensate for weather conditions.

The Loviisa municipality is working on a study of whether the project is possible, and the report outlining various options and cost is expected to be published in March 2011, Marjasvaara said.

But "before that, we have to clarify if a project like this is big enough to get EU support," he explained.

If the project goes through, Marjasvaara said he expected it to be at least partially financed through investments from large companies like Fortum, Neste Oil and Ensto.

Construction, he said, could begin as early as the second half of next year.

The town of Loviisa hopes the highway will be completed by 2016 at a total cost of about 700 million euros (900 million dollars).

The aim in the long term is to create a stretch of highway that is carbon neutral, the municipality said in a statement.

Cameron Diaz is McAfee's 'most dangerous' Internet Celeb



Cameron Diaz has replaced Jessica Biel as the most dangerous celebrity on the Internet. No, we're not talking about inane tweets or questionable paparazzi photos, but common search terms that often lead to users to Web sites laden with malicious software.

For the fourth year, McAfee has compiled its "most dangerous celebrities" study, a list of commonly searched athletes, actors, musicians, or politicians that scammers are using to lure you to their sites. The three celebrities to top this year's list are Cameron Diaz, Julia Roberts, and Jessica Biel, McAfee said.

Searching for Diaz online gives you a one in 10 chance of landing on a risky site. If someone searched for "Cameron Diaz screensavers," about 19 percent of the sites that popped up contained malicious downloads,

McAfee found.

When it comes to Roberts, meanwhile, the overall chance of stumbling upon something malicious when searching for her on the Web is 9 percent, but if you search for "Julia Roberts and downloads," your chance of hitting something risky jumps to 20 percent.

Biel, who was number one last year, also has an overall search risk of 9 percent, searching for her name and screensavers give you a 17 percent chance of landing on a malicious site.

Other celebrities in the top

10 were model Gisele Bündchen, Brad Pitt, model Adriana Lima, a tie for Jennifer Love Hewitt and Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise, a tie for Heidi Klum and Penelope Cruz, and Anna Paquin.

"This year, the search results for celebrities are safer than they've been in previous years, but there are still dangers when searching online," Dave Marcus, security researcher for McAfee Labs, said in a statement. "[Scammers are now] hiding malicious content in 'tiny' places like shortened URLs that can spread virally in social networking sites and Twitter, instead of on websites and downloads."

Other names that made the list were athletes like Maria Sharapova and Andy Roddick.

Tweens can breathe a sigh of relief. Searching for pop sensations like Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, and Zac Efron is relatively safe, McAfee said.

HEALTH - LIVING**One million children may be misdiagnosed with ADHD: study**

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Almost one million children in the United States are potentially misdiagnosed with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) because they were the youngest and least mature in their kindergarten classes, a US study released Tuesday found.

The Michigan State University study found that prescriptions for the misdiagnoses could represent spending of \$20 to \$50 million dollars a year, with 80 to 90 million of it paid by Medicaid, a public health insurance program for the poor.

The most commonly prescribed drug for ADHD is Ritalin (methylphenidate), a psychostimulant, and its long-term effects are not well known, wrote lead author Todd Elder, of Michigan State University, whose study will appear in the Journal of

Health Economics.

Elder studied some 12,000 young children.

He found that "the youngest kindergarteners were 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with ADHD than the oldest children in the same grade. Similarly, when that group of classmates reached the fifth and eighth grades, the youngest were more than twice as likely to be prescribed stimulants" for ADHD.

Though only doctors diagnose the condition, "many ADHD diagnoses may be driven by teachers' perceptions of poor behavior among the youngest children in a kindergarten classroom," Elder wrote.

"But these 'symptoms' may merely reflect emotional or intellectual immaturity among the youngest students."

Chinese meditation technique boosts brain function

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A Chinese-influenced meditation technique appears to help the brain regulate behavior after as little as 11 hours of practice, according to a study released this week.

Researchers at the University of Oregon and Dalian University of Technology charted the effects of integrative body-mind training (IBMT), a technique adapted in the 1990s from traditional Chinese medicine and practiced by thousands in China.

The research to be published in the upcoming issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences involved 45 test subjects, about half of whom received IBMT, while a control group received relaxation training.

Imaging tests showed a greater number of connections in the anterior cingulate -- the part of the brain which regulates emotion and behavior -- among those who prac-

ticed meditation compared to subjects in the control group.

"The importance of our findings relates to the ability to make structural changes in a brain network related to self-regulation," said The University of Oregon's Michael Posner, a lead author on the study.

"The pathway that has the largest change due to IBMT is one that previously was shown to relate to individual differences in the person's ability to regulate conflict," he said.

Deficits in activation of the anterior cingulate cortex also have been associated with attention deficit disorder, dementia, depression, schizophrenia and many other disorders.

And researchers said the experimental group also showed lower levels of anxiety, depression, anger and fatigue than students in the control group.

Parents Guide to Skin Protection

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Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know is that UV rays also reflect off water and sand and so even in the shade you may need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will

respond better when they see you are protecting your skin as well.

Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.
- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.
- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Aruba Aloe recommends their Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old they have developed a special sunscreen, "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" which gives extra protection for the sensitive skin. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen which is not waterproof.
- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
- Pack sunscreen in your child's bag.
- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.
- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, be sure their skin is protected.
- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, then the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.
- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

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Make time for healthy meals

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The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests how to prepare healthy meals, despite a hectic schedule:

* Try to plan and cook upcoming meals when you've got the time, such as on



weekends.

* Prepare morning breakfast the night before.

* Don't worry about making a fancy dinner; opt instead to spend time together and enjoy something healthy. Try a simple sandwich, soup or salad.

* Plan for quick meals on the go, but avoid fast food.

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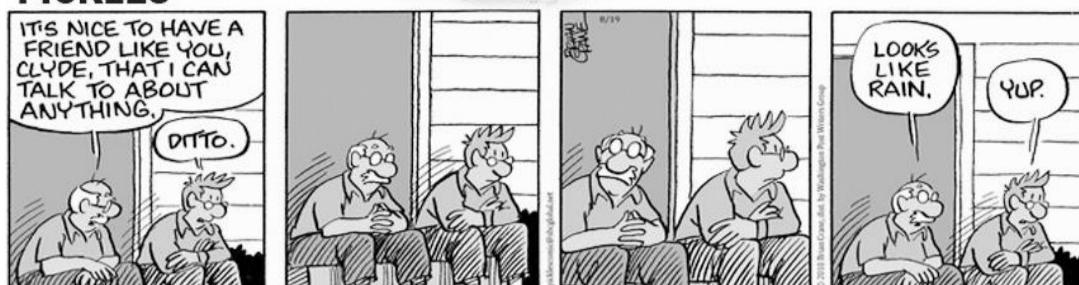
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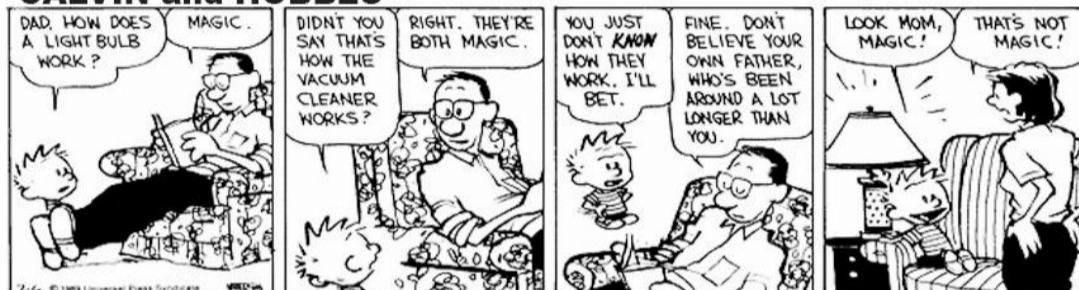
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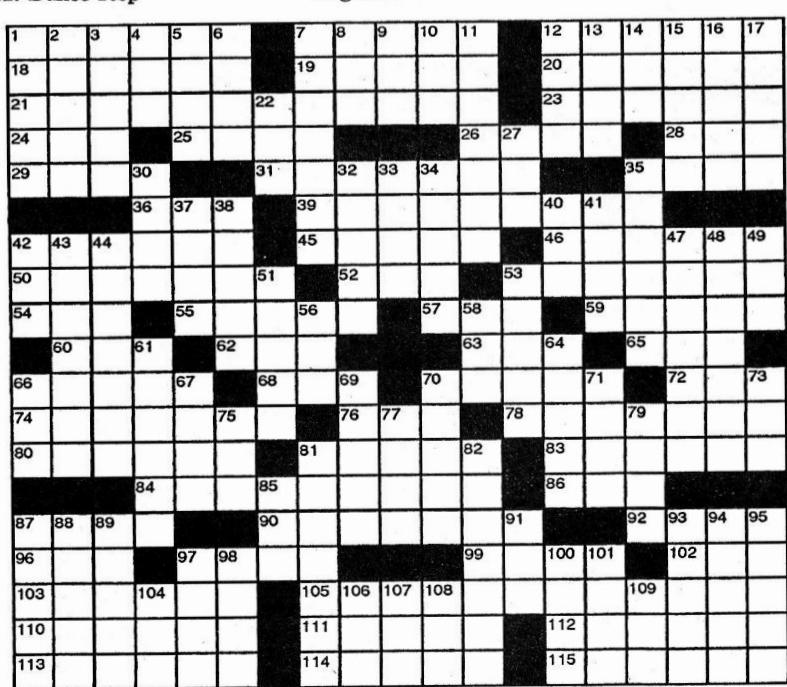


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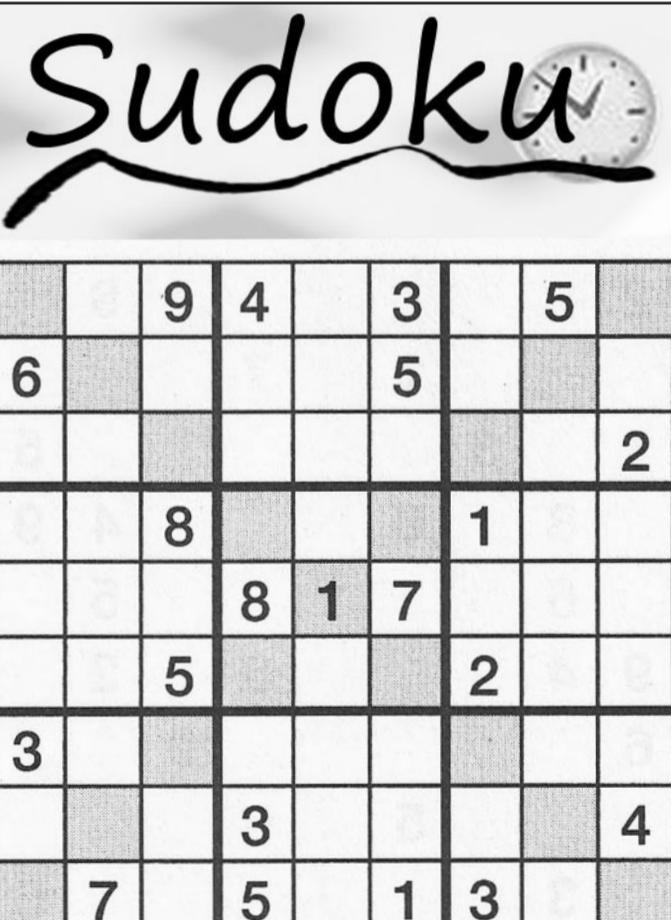
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US, European stocks tumble after bleak US data

LONDON, England (AFP) - US and European stock markets tumbled yesterday after bleak American unemployment data dampened hopes of recovery in the world's biggest economy, dealers said.

London's FTSE 100 closed 1.73 percent lower, while the Paris CAC 40 fell 2.07 percent and in Frankfurt the DAX was down 1.8 percent.

The European markets took their cue from Wall Street, where stocks plunged after US officials said the number of Americans filing new weekly claims for jobless benefits jumped to 500,000, the highest level in nine months.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 1.64 percent at around 1800 GMT, ending a two-day winning streak, while the tech-rich Nasdaq composite index declined 1.79 percent and the broader S&P 500 index shed 1.99 percent.

"Today's news on the US economy has been nothing but awful," said Paul Ashworth, senior US economist at the Capital Economics consultancy in London.

US unemployment claims in the week to August 14 increased by 12,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 488,000 -- and came well above most economists' expectations of 475,000. It was the third straight week in which claims have risen, and underscores the threat posed by unemployment on the recovery from the worst US recession in decades.

"The recovery is clearly slowing and, under those circumstances, we would expect claims to rise," added Ashworth.

The computer chip giant Intel's announcement that it

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by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

Hi again, and welcome.

In the next couple tips of the week I'm going to write about another way to have customers beating a path to your place of business...advertising.

You probably do some advertising now. But the ad-

tising that I'll be writing about is a highly specialized form of advertising.

Most business owners waste the bulk of their advertising effort and expense by advertising incorrectly.

I'll be writing about how to use advertising in an extremely effective, targeted, and rifled approach that can't help but grow your customer base many times over.

Let's discuss where advertising makes strategic sense and where it doesn't.

Once again, I believe most companies and professionals advertise inefficiently and ineffectively.

By inefficiently, I mean that most companies I look at, and most professionals, are paying to run ads in publications and newspapers that aren't being read by large numbers of the type of people they are trying to reach.

Even though I'm referring to print advertising, the same rules will apply to any advertising medium that you use.

If you do radio advertising, you could easily be using the wrong station, or the wrong time of the day in which your

stocks taking a beating as recovery fears weighed on commodity prices," said Michael Hewson, a CMC Markets analyst. "Gold continues to rise on safe haven buying."

In Asia, where stock markets had closed before the US data was released, hopes that the Japanese central bank will announce measures to stem the yen's rise lifted the dollar while also giving a boost to markets.

Traders bought up the dollar after a report that the Bank of Japan will consider steps to prevent any further strengthening of the nation's currency, which had hit a 15-year high against the US unit last week.

The Tokyo market rallied 1.32 percent yesterday, with exporters, who suffer from a strong yen, the beneficiaries.

Confidence that upcoming earnings data will be strong helped Hong Kong to finish 0.24 percent higher, while Shanghai rose 0.81 percent.

Elsewhere in Europe, Amsterdam fell 1.62 percent, Brussels dropped 1.53 percent, Madrid fell 1.47 percent, Milan fell 2.05 percent and Swiss stocks were down 1.28 percent.

ad is broadcasted.

If you do TV or Cable advertising, you could be running on the wrong station or the wrong time, or the wrong show.

The first rule for effective advertising is:

You only advertise when the message you want to send, will be heard by the highest concentration of the people you want to be talking to.

In regards to effectiveness, you should only run your advertising to reach the highest concentration of real prospects that you want to have as customers.

You want to make the advertising you decide to run produce solid continual results.

This is very important.

Whenever you run an advertisement, that advertisement must provide the reader, the viewer, and the listener with a self-serving advantage.

Remember that it's not about you, but about them.

The customer has to be certain they are going to receive a payoff, a benefit, or an advantage from reading, listening, or viewing, or a payoff from sending in, coming in, or calling in.

It's important that you understand there are three elements to making your advertising productive and effective.

Element number one is that it's got to be about them, their concerns, their well-being, and their advantage...not yours.

Number two, you've got to offer them enough information and education.

Finally, you have got to give them some reason why they should contact you, call you, come into your place of business, or try out some product you are offering.

Unless your advertisement combines these three elements your advertising will fail. Or, at best, it will be so much less effective than it ought to be.

Well that's it for this tip. In the next tip I'll give you some examples of highly effective advertising and how you can measure the results.

To your success,

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Steak on a Stone - Le Petit Café's specialty



Welcome to Le Petit Café

In a time when dining choices and critiques are based on value for your dollar, an old favorite, Le Petit Café, still offers one of the best values not only in price, but quality, quantity and ambiance.

Le Petit Café in Palm Beach offers charming surroundings reminiscent of a European outdoor café. Surrounded by Old World gaslights and an abundance of flora, it provides a delightful and romantic setting.

The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a



Fish on a Stone

choice of soup or salad as a starter, and ice cream for dessert, all for a modest \$21.50; an unbeatable price for a great meal on Aruba!

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value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature

fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50%

with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

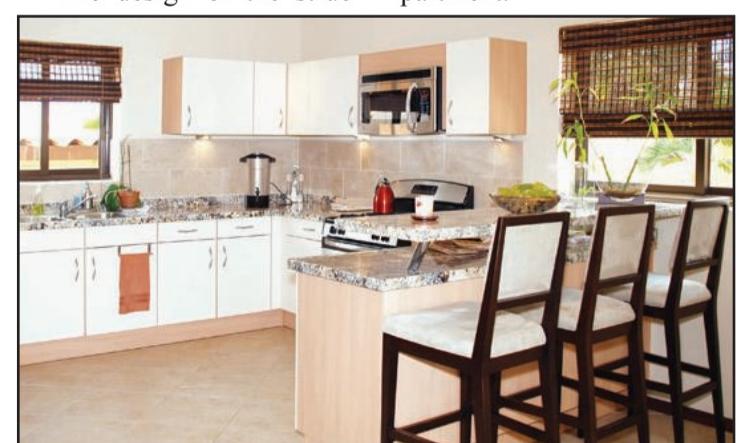
There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.



the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-



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Asia's booming middle classes unmasked in new study

NEW DELHI (AFP) – They are every marketeer's dream and the future of the world economy -- now Asia's aspirational middle classes have been laid bare in a major new study focusing on their astonishing growth.

The Asian Development Bank forecast in the study released Thursday that the spending power of middle class consumers -- anyone consuming between two and 20 dollars a day -- would increase by eight times in the next 20 years.

"The Rise of Asia's Middle Class" also sought to shed light on the characteristics of this burgeoning cross-section of society, concluding that they share many traits with their counterparts in the wealthy West.

They are more likely to be educated, live in urban areas and have fewer children and more progressive values. But they are also prone to overeating and under-exercising and are keen buyers of cars and household electronics.

Their rise "may present many challenges, but it will also open up new and unprecedented opportunities for the region and for the world," the ADB concluded.

Not surprisingly, the biggest increase in middle-class Asians, who are estimated to number 1.9 billion now, will be observed in the two Asian giants with the largest populations, China and India.

China has so far been much more successful in elevating poor people, with 817 million or 63 percent of its population in the higher category in 2008, reflecting its much larger economy.

India's middle classes numbered 274 million in the same year, just a quarter of its vast 1.1-billion-strong population, according to data cited by the ADB.

Both countries will have

more than a billion people in the higher income group by 2030, though China's population is expected to be significantly wealthier, other statistics showed.

"Projections suggest that by 2030 much of developing Asia will have attained middle class and upper class status," said ADB chief economist Jong-Wha Lee in the foreword to the study.

Rising incomes in Asia are expected to be the main motor for the global economy as consumers buy increasing numbers of refrigerators, cars, mobile phones and holidays.

Consumers in the West are in the process of reducing their personal debt and saving more after their borrowing-fuelled binge of the last decade, meaning their impact on growth has been reduced.

In contrast, Asian consumer spending was clocked at 4.3 trillion dollars in 2008 and is forecast to grow to 32 trillion in 2030 to reach 43 percent of the world's total, the ADB said.

"As the region emerges relatively stronger than other parts of the world from the last two years of (economic) turmoil, it appears set to assume a much bigger role in the global economic structure and recovery," Lee added.

Hairdresser defrauds Hollywood starlets

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Police have arrested a Beverly Hills hairdresser accused of defrauding high-profile celebrity clients including Jennifer Aniston, Cher and Anne Hathaway.

Maria Gabriela Perez, 51, is accused of using the credit card numbers of the film and music stars who frequented her salon to fraudulently run up bills in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Perez, who was arrested without resistance in front of

her clients, faces 25 years in prison if convicted.

Among others allegedly targeted by her scheme are Melanie Griffith and Liv Tyler, from whom Perez is accused of stealing some 241,000 dollars via transactions that used the actress's credit card information.

In addition to the credit card fraud allegations, Perez is also accused of other crimes including pick-pocketing and social security fraud.

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More Americans believe Obama is Muslim



WASHINGTON (AFP) – Nearly two years after Barack Obama's election as US president, a growing number of Americans misidentify his faith as Muslim, according to a new poll released Thursday.

Despite Obama's attendance in church and his repeated public statements about his Christian faith, nearly one in five respondents on the survey said they believed he is a practitioner of Islam, while only 34 percent of Americans correctly

identified him as a Christian, down sharply from a year earlier.

The poll was conducted by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Meanwhile, the percentage of people who say they are unsure what religion Obama practices has risen to 43 percent, from 34 percent a year ago.

The poll found one third of conservative Republicans believe Obama is a Muslim, a figure that has nearly doubled. But the president's faith was incorrectly identified by rising numbers of Democrats and independents too.

Some 18 percent of independent voters thought Obama was Muslim, up eight percentage points, and fewer than half the president's Democratic supporters believe him to be a Christian.

The Pew survey polled 3,003 respondents between July 21 and August 5, and had a plus-or-minus 2.5 percent sampling error.

The poll was taken before Obama waded into a bitter dispute last week over plans for a mosque and interfaith

centers just blocks from the New York site of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Obama said Friday that US principles protecting freedom of religion should apply equally to all faiths, and that Muslims should be able to worship freely in the United States.

But a day later he added that his comments were not intended to pass judgement on the wisdom of building a mosque near Ground Zero.

Of those who said they believe Obama is Muslim, 60 percent said they had learned about his religion from the media.

But White House officials told the Washington Post that mistaken impressions about Obama's faith were the result of "misinformation campaigns" being waged by his opponents.

"While the president has been diligent and personally committed to his own Christian faith, there's certainly folks who are intent on spreading falsehoods about the president and his values and beliefs," faith adviser Joshua DuBois said.

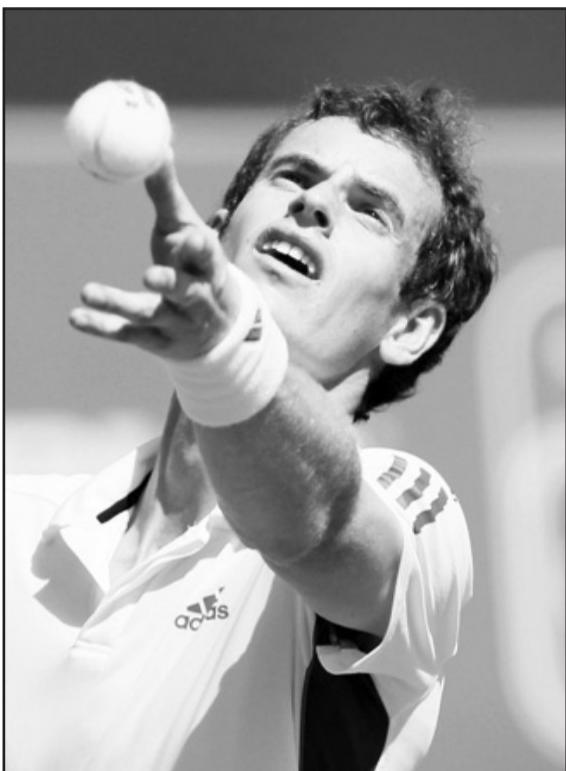
Murray, Federer, Djokovic advance at Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AFP) - World number two Roger Federer, fourth-ranked Briton Andy Murray and Serbian second seed Novak Djokovic all advanced to the ATP Cincinnati Masters quarter-finals with triumphs Thursday.

Defending champion Federer had the easiest day, reaching the final eight by walkover when Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber pulled out of their scheduled third-round match with a right shoulder injury.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion from Switzerland has not yet finished a set in the three million-dollar hardcourt event after a first-round bye and a 5-2 lead when Uzbek qualifier Denis Istomin retired with an injury Wednesday.

Federer will face the winner of a later match between Russian sixth seed Nikolay Davydenko and Spain's David Ferrer on Friday for a



Andy Murray in action

berth in the semi-finals of the last major US Open tuneup.

British fourth seed Andy Murray advanced by outlasting Latvia's Ernests Gulbis 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

The 23-year-old Scotsman won six of nine break-point chances and made only 23

Tiger enters first US PGA playoff event

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number one Tiger Woods has entered next week's opening event of the US PGA Tour season-ending playoffs, even though he technically is not yet assured of qualifying for The Barclays.

Woods has won the 10 million-dollar playoff title two of the past three years, missing out only in 2008 when knee surgery had sidelined him.

But this year, Woods has not won a tournament and has struggled in the wake of a sex scandal that destroyed his iconic image.

As a result, he ranks only 108th in the points race that concludes Sunday after the last round of the Wyndham Championship in Greens-

boro, North Carolina. Woods is not playing in the tournament.

Only the top 125 in season points will qualify for The Barclays, but it is unlikely Woods will be passed by 18 rivals and miss out on the first playoff event.

The problem for Woods is that only the top 100 in points after The Barclays qualify for the next event, the Deutsche Bank Championship. That means his first playoff event could be his final event of the season.

While Woods could still play in lower-purse events in October and November aimed at helping those low on the money list earn a place on the 2011 tour, he typically has skipped such events.

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unforced errors while benefitting from 54 from Gulbis in booking a spot in the final eight.

"I was struggling a little bit but I managed to save it," Murray said. "I hung in there well. He had chances in the second set. I was struggling with my legs a little bit in the third set. I was tired but I hung in there."

Murray, who won on his fourth match point after seizing a 6-1 lead in the tie-breaker, will next face American Mardy Fish, who ousted Frenchman Richard Gasquet 7-5, 6-2, in another third-round match.

"He plays aggressive tennis," Murray said of Fish. "I will have to hit my passing shots and take advantage of my opportunities."

Murray is coming off a title last week at Toronto, where he beat Nadal and Federer in the last rounds, becoming only the fifth man to oust both on his way to a title.

Third-ranked Djokovic defeated Argentina's David Nalbandian 6-1, 7-6 (9/7) and will face the winner of a later match between American Andy Roddick and Swedish fifth seed Robin Soderling.

Nalbandian, who won two weeks ago at Washington, double-faulted on match point to hand Djokovic the victory and suffer just his second loss in 11 tie-breakers this year.

The four top seeds all reached the weekend, a feat that could be repeated in Cincinnati if world number one Rafael Nadal defeats Frenchman Julien Benneteau in a mater match. Nadal has won 35 of his past 37 matches.

Murray improved to 6-10 in tie-breakers for the year and dropped Gulbis to 11-5, but what looked to be an easy tie-break romp proved tougher by the end, which came after two hours and 33 minutes.

Gulbis netted a forehand to give Murray a 3-0 lead and sent an overhead smash into the net to hand the Scotsman a 4-1 lead on the way to dropping six of the first seven points.

The Latvian pulled back three match points before sending a forehand long to give Murray the victory despite hitting 49 winners to only 22 for the Briton.

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Henry, Marquez trail only Beckham on MLS salary list

NEW YORK (AFP) - French playmaker Thierry Henry and Mexican captain Rafael Marquez made the biggest news last month by joining Major League Soccer but England's David Beckham remains the US league's highest-paid player.

A salary list compiled by the MLS Players Union shows Beckham, the injured Los Angeles Galaxy star who hopes to return next month from a torn Achilles tendon, will make 6.5 million dollars this season.

Henry, who helped France win a World Cup and Barcelona capture a European Champions League

crown, will make 5.6 million dollars in guaranteed money this year after joining the New York Red Bulls, second only to Beckham.

Marquez, who joined Red Bulls from Barcelona after serving as Mexico's captain in the World Cup, will be paid 5.54 million dollars, putting him third in the league.

All three were signed under special MLS player designations allowing teams to land players that are not covered by the salary cap, the hope being teams that can afford it will spend for big-name talent to boost profits and results.

FIFA inspectors praise Russia World Cup bid

MOSCOW (AFP) - A delegation of FIFA inspectors on Thursday praised Russia's bid to host the World Cup, saying they were particularly impressed by the commitment of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

The inspectors' comments came after a four-day visit to Russia, the fifth stop of their two-month tour of nine candidates vying to host the 2018 and 2022 World Cups.

"After four days of our visit we received all the necessary information that we needed to work out an objective and fair report," said Harold Mayne-Nicholls, the head of the six-man FIFA team.

"I'd like to praise Russia's

bid committee on behalf of my colleagues and FIFA," said Mayne-Nicholls, who is also the Chilean Football Federation president.

"In all of the cities that we visited we've got full support and plenty of information."

The inspectors panel chief added that the meeting with Putin was very useful for the FIFA inspectors.

"He (Putin) gave us clear government guarantees in support of the bid to host the World Cup," Mayne-Nicholls said.

"We were all impressed with the commitment that the prime minister showed along with his knowledge of the country's bid book."

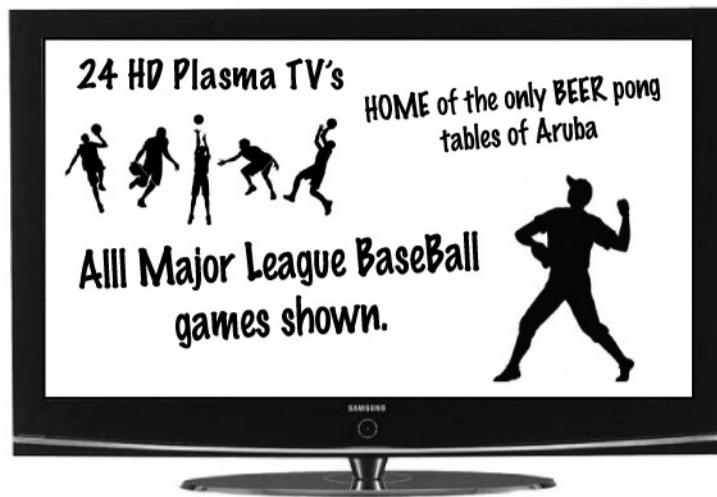


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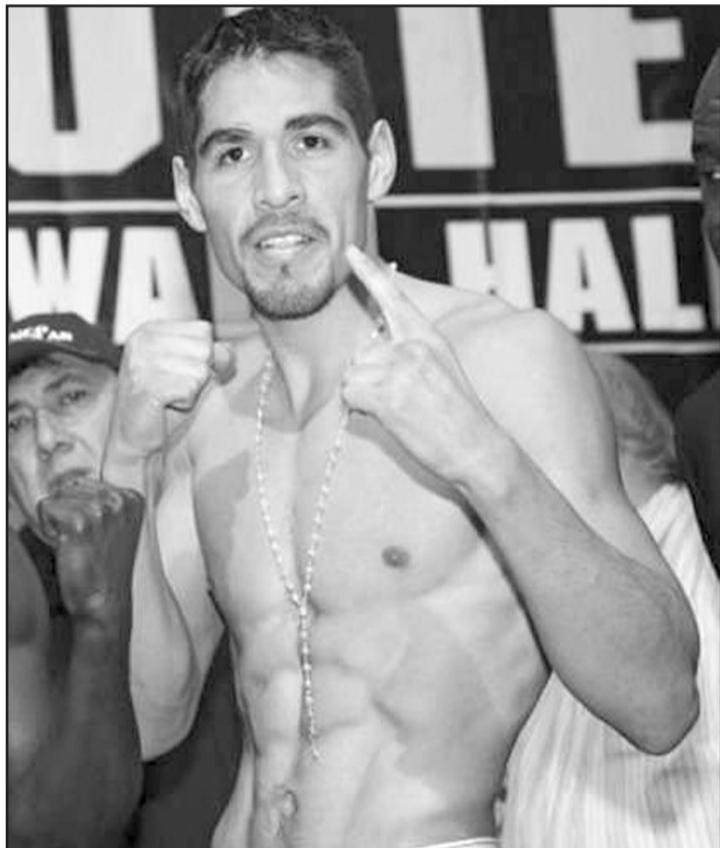
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Possible Pacquiao foe denied California fight license



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Antonio Margarito was denied a license to fight in California by the state's athletic com-

mission on Wednesday, leaving him to ponder options for a planned fight against Filipino star Manny Pacquiao.

Lakers star Gasol to bring NBA trophy to India

NEW YORK (AFP) - Los Angeles Lakers star Pau Gasol will travel to India next week with the NBA championship trophy to conduct clinics, the first time a member of the reigning NBA champions has ever visited India.

The 30-year-old Spanish forward will visit Mumbai and Delhi for six days starting Monday to help boost the NBA and basketball in general in the world's second-most populated nation.

"I have always wanted to visit India and I am very excited to represent the Lakers and the NBA," Gasol said.

"As an international player in the NBA, I know how important it is to do my part to grow the game globally and would love to compete against a player from India in the NBA one day."

Gasol will appear with the Larry O'Brien Trophy, also making its first trip to India, and conduct clinics in Mumbai next Thursday for players in an NBA-backed community league.

The Barcelona native will stage a clinic for underprivileged children through NBA Cares, the league's social outreach program, on August 27 in Delhi.

Margarito, a former welterweight champion, was suspended for at least year by the same panel in January of last year after a plaster-like substance was found in his hand wraps ahead of a fight against Shane Mosley.

The Mexican fighter, whose hands were rewrapped ahead of him losing his World Boxing Association crown to Mosley, told the commission he knew nothing about the wraps, blaming also-suspended, since-fired trainer Javier Capetillo.

But the commission concluded the 5 1/2-hour hearing by voting 5-1 to reject Margarito's request for a new license.

"You can delegate authority but not responsibility," commission member Steve Alexander said.

All states typically abide by rulings from other states although are not obligated to do so, meaning Maragrito could struggle to find any US site to authorize him to fight Pacquiao on November 13 as promoters hope.

The ruling would not apply in Mexico, which has been discussed as a possible site for the fight if Margarito failed to find US approval.

Margarito could have fought there despite the US ban but chose not to do so during the ban. Margarito ended his layoff last May, winning over Roberto Garcia in Mexico in a junior middleweight bout.

Las Vegas, Nevada, and Dallas, Texas, have been mentioned as possible sites for the bout.

Cards acquire third baseman Feliz



Pedro Feliz

The Cardinals got some much-desired help at third base on Thursday, acquiring veteran Pedro Feliz from the Astros in exchange for Minor League pitcher David Carpenter.

In order to make room for Feliz, the Cardinals transferred catcher Jason LaRue to the 60-day disabled list. St. Louis also received cash considerations in the deal for Feliz, a 35-year-old who is making \$4.5 million in a one-year deal this season.

Feliz, a starter on the Phillies' 2008 World Series championship team, was batting .221 with four homers and 31 RBIs in 97 games for the Astros, for whom he played 15 of his games at first base. He sports the second-best fielding percentage among third basemen since 2007 (.967) and has turned the fourth-most double plays in that span (95).

For his 11-year career, Feliz is a .288 hitter at Busch Stadium, which is his third-

highest batting average among National League parks.

Carpenter was converted from catcher to relief pitcher recently. This year, the 25-year-old right-hander was 5-3 with a 2.36 ERA and 20 saves in 49 games at Class A Palm Beach.

LaRue suffered a concussion after being kicked by Reds pitcher Johnny Cueto last week and was placed on the 15-day DL on Friday. There was talk he could miss the rest of the season.

"After speaking with our medical staff and consulting with other experts, we have come to the conclusion to put Jason LaRue on the 60-day disabled list," Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak said in a statement. "We believe this is in the best interest for Jason and his future. We will continue to monitor his progress and seek the best medical expertise concerning his situation. Part of his required rehabilitation, at this point, is rest."

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Clemens to be indicted on perjury charge: report



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Federal authorities have decided to indict former Major League Baseball superstar pitcher Roger Clemens on charges of making false statements to Congress, the New York Times reported Thursday.

On its website, the newspaper cited two people who had been told of the matter that an announcement is expected soon regarding a hearing in February which Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, testified.

Clemens and McNamee contradicted each other regarding whether or not Clemens had ever taken per-

formance-enhancing drugs during testimony before the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The hearing came only two months after McNamee linked Clemens to using steroids in a report by former US Senator George Mitchell examining doping in Major League Baseball.

Clemens rebuked McNamee after the report was released, denying any wrongdoing, but McNamee steadfastly said he injected Clemens with steroids more than a dozen times between 1998 and 2001.

Felix bags brace of diamonds

ZURICH, (AFP) - American sprint star Allyson Felix cruised to victory in the 400m at the penultimate meet in the IAAF's Diamond League in Zurich on Thursday to ensure she bagged a brace of trophies.

Having already wrapped up the 200m, in which she is a three-time world champion, Felix timed 50.37 seconds, a gutsy final 30m seeing her past closest rivals Debbie Dunn and African champion Amantle Montsho of Botswana.

"The whole Diamond League season was amazing, pretty cool," said Felix. "But I must admit I had to work hard in the last 100m for that win."

"I still feel like a 200 and 400m runner and it will stay like that for 2011."

Felix's triumph was the highlight of a great night for a further six US athletes, who scooped Diamond Trophies and 40,000 dollars apiece for dominating their events.

On the track, Wallace Spearmon and Jeremy



Wariner won the men's 200 and 400m, David Oliver the 110m hurdles and Carmelita Jeter the women's 100m.

There was further success for the United States in the field, Dwight Phillips and Brittney Reese winning the men and women's long jump events respectively.

Spearmon ran a blistering 19.79sec to claim the 200m

title, while Oliver dipped under 13sec for the fourth time this season in the hurdles, clocking 12.93sec despite falling over the line.

Wariner was in imperious form over the one lap, cruising to a world lead of 44.13sec with a fantastic kick down the home-stretch to get past Jamaica's Jermaine Gonzalez.

Jeter was already assured of finishing atop the standings in the women's 100m, but had to be content with second place behind Jamaican Veronica Campbell-Brown in a photo-finish at 10.89sec.

In the field, Phillips long jumped a best of 8.20m, his closet rival Fabrice Lapierre of Australia remarkably failing to register a single jump in six attempts.



The Chinese relay team celebrate their win in the Youth Women's 4 x 100 metre relay final on day five of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympics at Singapore Sports School yesterday.

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